You received a citation - now what?

The citation you receive in the mail will look similar to the sample shown to the right.

- **Date, time, and location of the offense**
- **Your vehicle information**
- **Photo evidence of your red light running violation**
- **Payment/Appeal/ Affidavit Forms**

You will have three choices when you receive a citation:

Pay the $75 fine. A Fine Remittance Form and return envelope will be included with your citation.

Appeal the citation. You may appeal the citation in court. Appeals will be heard in the Justice of the Peace (JP) Court or, in some cases, a court of local jurisdiction. A court date will be scheduled for you when you remit the Appeal/Affidavit Form attached to the citation indicating your intent to contest the violation.

Submit an affidavit stating you were not driving the car. The registered owner will be held responsible for an electronic red light violation unless he or she can furnish the name and address of the driver on the Appeal/Affidavit Form.

If the vehicle or license plate was stolen when the violation occurred, the owner must attach a certified copy of a police report confirming the theft.

Unpaid fines are subject to late penalties. Your vehicle registration could be flagged or suspended, which could prevent you from re-registering your vehicle or registering a new vehicle until the initial fine and late fees have been paid.

NOTICE OF CIVIL VIOLATION
ELECTRONIC RED LIGHT SAFETY PROGRAM

DelDOT
Delaware Department of Transportation

Civil Violation Number 3210312345

REGISTERED OWNER INFORMATION

Response Information

FIRST MIDDLE LAST
123 MAIN STREET
CITY NAME, STATE 12345

MAILING DATE:
RESPONSE DATE:
AMOUNT DUE >> $75.00
NO POINTS WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST YOUR DRIVING RECORD AS A RESULT OF THIS VIOLATION.

VIOLATION
Electronic Red Light
CODE AND SECTION
21 Del.C.Section 4101
LOCATION OF VIOLATION
Route A @ Route B
PLACE OF OCCURRENCE
CITY, STATE
COUNTY OF OCCURRENCE
COUNTY
DATE OF VIOLATION
04/XX/XXXX
TIME OF VIOLATION
13:58:08
VEHICLE LICENSE
YRK1482

YRK·1482
Close-up of license plate

STATE VA
TYPE 20
YEAR XXXX
MAKE FORD
EXPIRATION DATE MAY 15, XXXX

Video of this offense is available for review at the law enforcement facility by appointment only. For more information about viewing the video from your citation, please call (123) 123-1234.

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Rear of vehicle, with license plate

Vehicle behind stop line, light is red

Vehicle within intersection, light is red

TO APPEAL THE CIVIL VIOLATION OR SUBMIT AN AFFIDAVIT (Assigning Responsibility to Another Person): Read the instructions and complete the information on the reverse side if you wish to appeal this civil violation or file an affidavit. Use the enclosed envelope to mail your response.

Civil Violation Number 3210312345

For general information, or to appeal the civil violation or submit an affidavit, please see the instructions on the reverse side.

MAILING DATE:
RESPONSE DATE:

APPEAL/AFFIDAVIT FORM

PLEASE SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE SIDE

ELECTRONIC RED LIGHT SAFETY PROGRM
P.O. BOX 1234
CITY NAME, STATE 12345-1234

FIRST MIDDLE LAST
123 MAIN STREET
CITY NAME, STATE 12345

TO PAY THE FINE: Read the instructions and complete the information on the reverse side if you are waiving your right to a hearing and you are enclosing a payment. Use the enclosed envelope to mail your response.

Civil Violation Number 3210312345

For general information, or to appeal the civil violation, please see the instructions on the reverse side.

AMOUNT DUE >> $75.00

RESPONSE DATE:

FINE REMITTANCE FORM

PLEASE SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE SIDE

DO NOT SEND CASH! (U.S. FUNDS ONLY)
Make check or money order payable to:

ELECTRONIC RED LIGHT SAFETY PROGRAM
P.O. BOX 1234
CITY NAME, STATE 12345-1234

FIRST MIDDLE LAST
123 MAIN STREET
CITY NAME, STATE 12345

Running a red light isn't worth the cost - especially in lives

A Closer Look

In Delaware, and nationwide, red light running is a cause of fatal crashes at intersections. That's why DelDOT's state-of-the-art Electronic Red Light Enforcement System is being installed at many intersections statewide, and particularly at those with a history of angle accidents - to reduce the number and frequency of red light violations and, ultimately, to save lives!

Police can't be at an intersection 24/7, but cameras can

You may wonder why we don't just step up conventional police enforcement instead of installing cameras. To enforce red light running violations, in most cases, the officer must follow a violating vehicle through a red light to stop it, endangering the lives of innocent motorists and pedestrians, as well as the officer's life.

Goal is to change driver behavior

Every driver has a quick decision to make on approaching an intersection where the light is turning from yellow to red. Sometimes it makes sense to continue through the intersection, but once the light has turned red, it clearly does not. Still, impatient people often choose to ignore the law, and that puts lives at risk. Thanks to red light enforcement technology, agencies like DelDOT are working to change these drivers' behavior.

In other jurisdictions, cameras have reduced red light running by up to 70%

This type of program has worked very well in Wilmington, DE, with a 52% reduction in traffic accidents, and other communities as well. In Howard County, Maryland, red light violations decreased by 30%. In Charlotte, North Carolina, the reduction was even more dramatic - 70% in the first year!

The FYI informational brochures listed below are available from the Delaware Department of Transportation, Office of Public Relations:

The Capital Improvement Program and the Council on Transportation What are they? How do they work? How can the public get involved?

Corridor Capacity Preservation Program What's being done to make sure existing roads can handle future economic growth?

Access Management How can managing access reduce congestion, improve safety, preserve economic development opportunities and extend a road's service life?

Transportation & Delaware's Future Highlights of DelDOT's Long-Range Transportation Plan.

DelTrac Delaware's Integrated Transportaion Management System– a tool for reducing congestion.

Understanding the Pipeline Process How ideas, plans and suggestions for transportation projects move from concept to completion.

Public Involvement How you can be involved in shaping transportation decisions.

Highway Safety Improvement Program How targeting improvements to high-accident sites is reducing the likelihood and severity of accidents on Delaware's roads.

Customer Satisfaction Surveys Important feedback helps us serve you better. We're listening.

Stormwater Management If you value Delaware's beautiful ocean, bays, rivers and streams, help us protect them by reducing water pollution "at the source."

Delaware Scenic & Historic Highways Guide to nominating a highway for State Scenic and Historic designation.

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For more information please contact:
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Public Relations • P.O. Box 778 • Dover, DE 19903
(302) 760-2080 or 1-800-652-5600 (in Delaware)

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Delaware Department of Transportation

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STOP

It's the Law!
It Saves Lives
in Delaware!

DelDOT

How DelDOT's cameras catch red light runners

❶ Tracking Camera

The Tracking Camera monitors vehicles approaching an intersection as the light is changing to red, and predicts whether or not a vehicle will run the red light. If so, the camera records multiple images of the vehicle approaching and entering the intersection. Simultaneously, the Tracking Camera triggers the Signal and Enforcement Cameras to record images as well.

❷ Signal Camera

The Signal Camera records multiple images of the vehicle approaching and entering the intersection from behind, with a clear view of the signal ahead. This shows the vehicle's location when the light is red and can be used as primary evidence of a violation.

❸ Enforcement Camera

The Enforcement Camera records close-up photographs of the front/rear license plate on the monitored vehicle after it has entered the intersection.

❹ Images Sent Electronically & Reviewed

The camera images are converted to a digital file and sent electronically to a processing center where specially trained personnel review the images to verify:

- Was the vehicle behind the stopline on red?
- Did the vehicle enter the intersection after the traffic light changed to red?
- Does the license plate match the vehicle pictured?
- Were there any extenuating circumstances, such as an emergency vehicle or funeral procession, that contributed to the violation?

❺ Violation & Citation

If the processor determines that a citable violation occurred, a draft citation is created. The draft citation is then reviewed by a state or local official for final approval. Once approved, the citation is mailed to the registered owner of the vehicle captured on camera running the red light.

(For illustrative purposes only)

Signs near the intersection identify that the cameras are in use
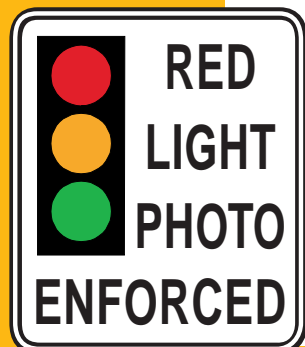
RED LIGHT PHOTO ENFORCED

Why install red light cameras?

Delaware is serious about enforcing its red light running laws. According to The Institute of Highway Safety, red light violations cause over 900 deaths and 200,000 injuries in the United States each year. Of the approximately 20,000 car accidents in Delaware each year, the Department of Highway Safety reports approximately 1,000 were caused by drivers disobeying traffic signals.

How are the camera locations selected?

The cameras are being located at intersections where past accident history and/or reports from police indicate that drivers have frequently been running red lights.

Citations identify the vehicle, not the people inside

The purpose of capturing the front and rear of the vehicle is to provide an overview of the intersection, identify any extenuating circumstances, and to enable the issuance of citations to offending operators of tractor-trailor trucks, where the license plate on the front of the vehicle is needed to identify the vehicle's registered owner. No frontal images of vehicle occupants will appear on the citation.

You will not receive any points

Offenses captured by the Electronic Red Light Enforcement System are civil offenses. Therefore, the vehicle operator will not be charged with points typically assessed for moving violations.

Questions . . .

If you have questions about your citation, you may call the 800 number listed on the citation. For general information about the Electronic Red Light Safety Program, contact DelDOT Public Relations at (302) 760-2080 or 1-800-273-9500 (Out of Delaware) Delaware Help Line.